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Applicants: Kit S. Lam and Alan L. Lehman)
Serial No.: 10/057,178) Art Unit: 1639
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For: Method for Determining)
Differences in Molecular)
Interactions and for Screening A)
Combinatorial Library)

DECLARATION OF ALAN L. LEHMAN
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.132 IN RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 15, 2006

1. I am a project scientist at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center. I work in the Cancer Research Center where my duties include screening combinatorial bead libraries with a variety of proteins including individual cancer proteins as well as cancer cell extracts. For the past 2 years, my research has focused on the production of ligands that bind to and can be used to recognize HHS and USDA select agents and toxins. I received my Ph.D in genetics in 2000. I am one of the inventors on this pending application. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is my curriculum vitae. This declaration is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006 ("the Office Action").

2. I have reviewed the following documents: this pending patent application, the Office Action, and the two items cited by the Examiner in the Office Action (the article entitled "DiffScreen: the merging of image subtraction and molecular genetics for the rapid analysis of differentially screened cDNA libraries" by Tizard and PCT international publication no. WO 01/40265 A2 of Hammond). I am familiar with the